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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OAU VIEWS ON PROPOSED OPEC PRICE RISE

1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON WITH OAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, OSANYA-NYYNEQUE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED IF OAU OR AFRICAN STATES INTENDED REACT TO PROPOSED OPEC PRICE INCREASES. NYNYNEQUE INDICATED THAT PROPOSED PRICE INCREASE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS ECONOMIC IMPACT ON NON-OIL PRODUCING AFRICAN STATES. HE STATED THAT AFRICAN PRODUCERS (ALGERIA, NIGERIA, LIBYA, AND GABON) WOULD LIKELY SUPPORT PRICE RISE AS ALL BUT LIBYA NEEDED REVENUE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND LIBYA WOULD SUPPORT RISE FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL RESAONS.

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2. NYNYNEQUE INDICATED THAT AFRICAN STATES HAD RECIEVE LIT-

TILE OR NOTHING FROM THEIR SUPPORT OF ARAB OIL PRODUCERS, AND THAT PRICE RISE WOULD JEOPARDIZE MARCH OAU-ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT. HE INDICATED THAT PRICE RISE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT OAU EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERIAL ON AFRICAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN KINSHASA NEXT MONTH. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD COVER SUBJECT IN HIS OPENING REMARKS TO MEETING, AND THAT IF NO ONE ELSE PLANNED RAISE SUBJECT, HE CERTAINLY DID.

3. NYNEQUE INDICATED AFRICANS TIRED OF BEING TAIL OF ARAB DOG AND THAT SEVERAL AFRICANS STATES (UPPER VOLTA, AND CHAD, AND LESOTHO) WOULD BE BROKE BY NEW YEAR EVEN WITHOUT PRICE INCREASE. HE STATED AFRICANS WISH TO MAKE DISTICNTION BETWEEN POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ISSUES, AND THAT PALESTINIAN QUESTION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO OAU POLITICAL FORA. HE INDICATED THAT AT MEXICO NAM ECONOMIC SUMMIT, AFRICANS HAD REFUSED SUPPORT INSERTION OF PRO-PALESTINIAN LANGUAGE AND THAT AFRICANS HAD TAKEN SIMILAR POSITION RECENTLY AT GENEVA. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT LACK OF ARAB SUPPORT HAD ALSO HAD IMPACT ON AFRICAN VIEWS AT UNESCO CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI, MENTIONING ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AS ONE EXAMPLE.

4. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, NYNEQUE ALSO INDICATED THAT KENYA--UGANDA BOUNDARY COMMISSION WOULD MEET UNDER OAU AUSSIRESS IN ADDIS NOVEMBER 23-24.

5. COMMENT: NYNEQUE'S VIEWS OF ARAB PERFORMANCE VIS-A-VIS AFRICAN STATES IN RETURN FOR AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB POSITIONS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM ARE GENERALLY MUCH MORE NEGATIVE THAN THOSE OF OAU AS WHOLE. CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE AFRICANS CERTAINLY BELIEVE THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED DEGREE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THAT THEY CONSIDER THEMSELVES ENTITLED TO, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF EFFECTS PREDICTED BY NYNEQUE MATERIALIZE.

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